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Serial No. 10/603,978

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Group Art Unit 1761

For METHOD FOR REDUCING ACRYLAMIDE IN FOODS COMPRISING REDUCING  
THE LEVEL OF REDUCING SUGARS, FOODS HAVING REDUCED LEVELS OF  
ACRYLAMIDE AND ARTICLE OF COMMERCE

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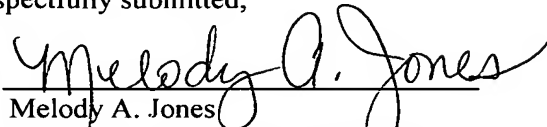
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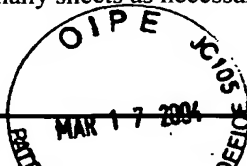
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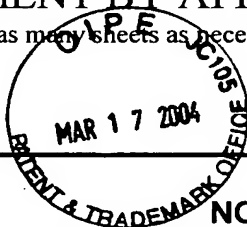
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